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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 14, 2003. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time for response, up to and including January 14, 2004, are enclosed. If any further petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

In response to the Office action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

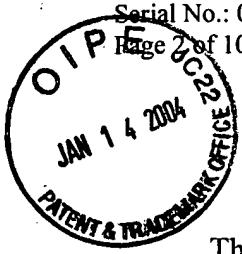
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to FIG. 6. In FIG. 6, sequence identification numbers have been added and placed adjacent to the nucleotide sequences. Applicants request that this sheet replace the previous version of FIG. 6.